[English]

Recruitment of Persons in Assam

4037. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of persons recruited in Railways in Assam during each of the last three years category-wise; and

(b) the number of persons likely to be recruited in the State in each category during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) The number of persons recruited in Group 'C' and Group 'D' in the years 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 is as follows :

Category	Years		
	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
Group 'C'	97	128	197
Group 'D'	270	266	539

(b) It is not possible to predict the exact number of persons likely to be recruited during the whole of the current year. However, the number of persons recruited in Group 'C' and Group 'D' in the current year upto November 1996 is as follows :

Category	Year 1996-97 (Upto 30.11.1996)
Group 'C'	115
Group 'D'	138

Sales Agents/Consolidators for Air India in USA

4038. SHRI NAMDEO DIWATHE : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the number of General Sales Agents/ Consolidators operating for Air India in USA and their performance as per latest review;

(b) the policy of the Government in appointing such Agents/Consolidators alongwith the guidelines and procedures to be followed to ensure transparency in such appointment;

(c) the number of General Sales Agents/ Consolidators appointed by Air India in USA and other countries during the last three years and proposed to be appointed during the current year alongwith the details of the parties;

(d) whether the prescribed procedure was followed in the appointments made; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) At present, there is no General Sales Agent (GSA)/Consolidator for Air India in USA.

(b) A GSA for any area is appointed or changed by Air India when the market conditions and local custom so require. The appointment is made according to a well established and exhaustive procedure laid down which *inter-alia* includes scrutiny of applications received in response to advertisement, by an inter-departmental committee consisting of senior officers of Finance and Commercial departments of Air India, site inspection, activity assessment and approval by the competent levels in management.

(c) Air India has not appointed any GSA/ Consolidator in the USA. In other countries, the following GSAs have been appointed :

(i) M/s. Open Sky Limited in Israel

(ii) M/s. Jetworld Air Servics (P) Limited in the State of Western Australia

(iii) M/s. Yusuf Bin Ahmed Kanoo in the Western and Southern provinces of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

At present there is a proposal for appointing 3-4 Consolidators for USA region only.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Partnership of Japanese Entrepreneurs in Hotel Construction

4039. SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH :
SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have invited the Japanese entrepreneurs for partnership in hotel construction, development of airports and other related activities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reaction of the Government of Japan in this regard;

(d) whether any agreement has been signed in this regard between the two countries; and

(e) if so, the details of terms and conditions of the said agreement?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) to (c). A Japanese delegation comprising top executives of companies, banks and other institutions arrived in Delhi to participate in an open session